

# Community and Culture

Many of the topics discussed by the Community and Culture Committee are West Seattle-wide in nature. On the other hand, there are certain needs that are specific to the Morgan Junction village. For example, although Gatewood Elementary School has served the community well during the neighborhood planning process, the committee believes strongly that the Morgan Junction neighborhood needs a flexible and consistent meeting place for groups and organizations in the community. Also needed is an outdoor “gathering place” in the heart of the community,

Community and Culture Committee also recognizes that a very important aspect of “community” is human development and the provision of human services. Like arts and culture, human development is an area that is best addressed on a West Seattle-wide basis, and the Morgan community should be active participants in efforts to address human service issues.

## Goals, Policies and Recommendations

**Goal 1:** Develop a community that has a distinctive flavor in arts and culture, yet integrates with the overall arts and culture community in West Seattle

**Policy 1.1:** Where new public space is created, assess for incorporation of public art,

**Policy 1.2:** Identify and capitalize on those elements that give the Morgan Junction its unique identity.

**Policy 1.3:** Coordinate with other West Seattle community groups,

**Recommendation:** Develop a community plaza at the intersection of Fauntleroy Way SW and SW Morgan Street that includes public art.

**Recommendation:** Work with ArtsWest to bring Arts and Cultural activities to Morgan Junction.

**Goal 2:** Focus on integrating an artistic or cultural element which reflects our community into the Morgan Junction Business District

**Policy 2.1:** Participate in design reviews to encourage incorporation of art in buildings or public spaces.

**Policy 2.2:** Encourage businesses and property owners to display art in existing businesses and vacated store-fronts,

**Recommendation:** Place notice of City Design Review meetings in the West Seattle Herald and post notices of the meetings at the project site.

**Goal 3:** Provide for the ability of our community members to easily congregate for community and culture-related activities.

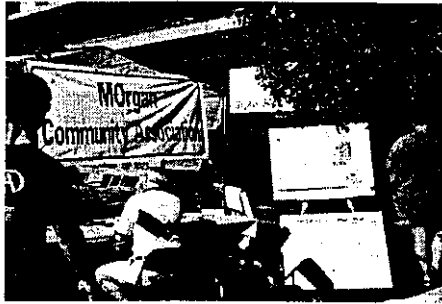
**Policy 3.1:** Seek a community-gathering location

**Policy 3.2:** Where parks are created or expanded in Morgan Junction, encourage development of space for public gathering

**Policy 3.3:** Encourage businesses and public agencies to provide public gathering spaces in new construction or expansion,

**Recommendation:** Explore the feasibility of a community center or gathering place centrally located to serve the Junction, and Morgan neighborhoods,

**Recommendation:** Develop a Community and Cultural Center serving all of the West Seattle/Duwamish area.



*A community meeting and gathering place is a high priority for the Community and Culture Committee.*

**Goal 4:** Support the sharing of community and social services or information related to social services for our community members.

**Policy 4.1:** Work together with West Seattle service providers to share a service/information network.

**Policy 4.2:** Assist people in identifying social services,

**Policy 4.3:** Pursue better access to library services in the, Morgan Junction neighborhood,

**Recommendation:** Complete a West Seattle inventory, needs assessment and human development strategic plan to guide service delivery and funding over the next 20 years.

**Recommendation:** Develop a multi-faceted set of communication/public outreach tools to better serve clients and increase knowledge of available services. Tools may include: WEB page, written flyers, non-written communications/ announcements, public service announcements.

**Recommendation:** Work with other West Seattle neighborhoods and agencies to develop a Human Services Provider Information Network that would result in more knowledgeable referral information being provided to the consumer of human services,

**Goal 5:** Support community activities for children, teens, and families,

**Policy 5.1:** Promote the input and involvement of youth in the development of activities for children of the same age.

# PublicSafety

Crime and public safety are issues that transcend neighborhood boundaries, yet in many cases, crime prevention is most effective when it originates in the community and is the result of individual responsibility. The vision of Morgan Junction is that of a safe community with active crime prevention programs and a strong police presence. This vision can only be realized through community support of law enforcement activities, community participation in crime prevention education, individual participation in crime prevention programs such as Block Watch, and individual actions to make one's home or business less vulnerable to crime.

In outreach activities during Phase I of the Neighborhood Planning process, the following were identified as community priorities related to public safety:

- Reduce the occurrence of violent crime
- 、 Establish a West Seattle police precinct
- 、 Increase the police presence
- 、 Increase community education and involvement
- 、 Enforce traffic and parking regulations
- Develop supportive youth programs
- 、 Increase youth discipline
- 、 Make streets safer at night
- 、 Increase graffiti prevention

The Seattle Police Department (SPD) has been very responsive to MoCA's requests for information and cooperation. The Department currently has several programs which focus on the needs of the individual neighborhoods, and those resources are available to us. The Goals, Policies and Recommendations of the Public Safety Committee encourage a close partnership with the SPD, and also with the West Seattle Anti-Crime Council,

## Goals, Policies and Recommendations

Goal 1: Establish a police precinct in West Seattle.

Policy 1.1: Work with other West Seattle groups and the City of Seattle to determine the best service approach for all of West Seattle and establish the best location.

Recommendation: Develop a fully staffed West Seattle Police precinct with 24-hour operation, 7 days a week.

Goal 2: Encourage a safe and crime free environment in Morgan Junction.

Policy 2.1: Work with the Seattle Police Department to receive information about crime trends in the community and address problems as they arise.

**Policy 2.2:** Work with the Seattle Police Department on ways to improve service in the Morgan Junction neighborhood, such as bike patrols, park patrols, additional beat coverage and traffic officers.

**Policy 2.3:** Address physical security and safety issues in the neighborhood such as better lighting, parks security and traffic safety,

**Policy 2.4:** Provide information to the community on preventative measures and” encourage personal responsibility.

**Policy 2.5:** Support local Block Watch programs.

**Recommendation:** Twice yearly, distribute a Crime Prevention Newsletter specific to the Morgan Junction Planning area stakeholders that presents crime statistics and trends in tabular and map form and that would teach people about Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and other concepts they can use around their home and business, The newsletter should be written by the Morgan Community Association, in cooperation with the Seattle Police Department and the West Seattle Crime Prevention Council, and should be distributed by the City.

**Recommendation:** The Seattle Police Department conduct emphasis patrols, as needed, that target specific issues expressed by neighborhood residents and businesses. These issues include, but are not limited to, speeding traffic on Fauntleroy Way, park patrols, car prowling and late night noise and rowdiness.

**Recommendation:** Have the Seattle Police Department review plans of new pocket-parks, pedestrian trails or other park development for adequacy of lighting and other safety concerns

**Goal 3:** Encourage a positive attitude towards public safety and responsible behavior in our neighborhood youth.

**Policy 3.1:** Work with the school district, Parks and Recreation Department, and Seattle Police Department to increase availability of youth and family activities,

**Policy 3.2:** Work with other Morgan Junction youth programs and projects to incorporate positive public safety behavior

**Policy 3.3:** Work with the Seattle Police Department and local businesses on graffiti prevention programs

# West Seattle-wide Issues

There are many community issues that transcend village or planning area boundaries and are common to all neighborhoods in West Seattle. Issues and opportunities related to public safety, transportation, human development and cultural arts are recognized to be larger than the “sphere of influence” of any single neighborhood or community organization” and should be addressed in collaborative efforts of all effected communities.

The recommendations contained in this section are repeated from the individual topic sections that precede in this document. However, MoCA believes that acknowledging the commonality of these issues herein will help begin the process of collaboration among West Seattle neighborhoods

## Transportation

**Recommendation:** Develop and implement a comprehensive “action program” of transportation system improvements and actions that will fully address the existing and future access needs of the entire West Seattle community. The action program must:

- Define and quantify existing and future access needs
- Be comprehensive: it must jointly address all modes of transportation, and it must address all levels of detail, from the “universal” (e.g., transportation system capacity) to the “microscopic” (e.g., traffic operations on Bridge on-ramps)
- Identify immediate, near-term, and long-range improvements and actions, and develop an implementation program for them

**Recommendation:** West Seattle Bridge - Spokane St. Viaduct Bus Operations:

The City of Seattle, the Port of Seattle, WSDOT, and Metro should cooperate to provide roadway, intersection, and traffic control improvements that give Regional Express and Metro buses priority to, from, onto, off of, and across the West Seattle Bridge and the Spokane St. Viaduct. Such improvements should include:

- HOV lanes on the Bridge and the Viaduct
- Intersection and ramp queue jump/bypass lanes on Bridge, and Viaduct access routes
- Traffic signal priority and preemption

**Recommendation:** Regional Express (RTA) Bus Service:

“Regional Express,” the express bus division of Sound Transit (RTA) plans to begin operating a number of express bus routes throughout the region in the fall of 1999. One of the Regional Express routes will operate between Sea-Tac Airport and downtown Seattle via Burien, White Center, Fauntleroy, and West Seattle

- Recognizing the need to make limited stops on this express service, the Regional Express West Seattle route should maximize the connections and access it provides in West Seattle, including transfers with Metro routes and access to the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal, ensuring that the Regional Express bus route serves the urban villages along California Ave SW,
- The Regional Express West Seattle route should be extended or through-routed via I-90 to the Eastside after stopping in downtown Seattle.

**Recommendation: Elliott Bay "Seabus"**

The existing Elliott Bay Water Taxi, begun in 1997, is a summer-season passenger-only ferry service connecting West Seattle and downtown Seattle. The Water Taxi service should be expanded into a permanent year-round system (like Vancouver, BC's Sea bus) that is designed to be an integral and important element of the transportation system serving West Seattle. In order to determine the capital and operational requirements of such a system and to guide its incremental development, a long range comprehensive master plan for facilities and services – on both sides of Elliott Bay - should be prepared.

Connections to the West Seattle Seabus terminal should be expanded and improved. Bus service, shuttle/circulator service, a potential tram/funicular system, parking (or lack thereof), and bike/ped pathways should be addressed.

**Recommendation: Improve and expand public transportation facilities and services providing access to/from West Seattle:**

- Improve speed, and efficiency of existing and future bus service by enabling buses to avoid traffic congestion
- Expand service coverage in West Seattle: make transit services more easily accessible to more people and activities
- Expand transit network connections: provide more and better linkages between West Seattle and other parts of the City and region
- Develop new, alternative modes of public transportation to provide additional "auto-less" access to West Seattle (e.g., waterborne transit, monorail)

Metro should continue to expand service hours and frequency of its West Seattle service. Also, Metro should continue to increase the number of West Seattle, Seattle, and King County origins/destinations served by West Seattle routes,

Several transit "hubs," where multiple bus and rail routes can exchange passengers, should be developed to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and utility of West Seattle transit service:

- A transit hub on Spokane St, near I-5 would provide West Seattle buses with direct Eastside connections, transfers with South Seattle, South King County, and Eastside bus routes inbound and outbound to/from downtown, and a link to the RTA's future Commuter Rail line,
- A transit hub at the west end of the West Seattle Bridge would provide a connection point for Metro and Regional Express bus routes serving various parts of West Seattle (including shuttles/circulators) and for access to the Elliott Bay "Seabus" terminal.

- A transit hub at the West Seattle Junction would provide a connection point for Metro and Regional Express bus routes serving various parts of West Seattle,
- Encourage electrification of local West Seattle bus routes,

In addition to the hubs, direct bus-only ramps connecting the Spokane St, Viaduct and the E-3 Busway (to/from the downtown transit tunnel) are needed to improve travel times for West Seattle–downtown transit service.

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